

TOSSED WITH A TEMPEST

Acts 27:1-32

Acts 27:1 We: Luke with Paul. *Centurion*: commander of 100 *Band*: 400-600 men

Acts 27:2 *Adramyttium*: seaport on the eastern slope of the Aegean Sea. *Aristarchus* from Gentile churches.

Acts 27:3 leave ship to see friends in Sidon

Acts 27:4 *Under Cyprus*: along coasts – between Cyprus and Asia.

Acts 27:5 Familiar territory to Paul. *Myra*: important chief port used by Romans for shipping of grain.

Acts 27:6 *Ship of Alexandria*: Egyptian ship. Larger ship full with wheat ...accommodations for passengers.

Acts 27:7 After running into bad weather ...made it into southern coast of island of Crete... *against Salmone*: On eastern side of island. End of summer. No more protection from land when took off from Cnidus.

Acts 27:8 *Hardly passing it*. Barely making it... wind was so strong

Fair Havens: Farthest point a sailing ship go and not in face of Northwest winds

Acts 27:9 *The fast*: Yon Kippur, Day of Atonement.

Dangerous to sail from Sept – mid Nov.

Acts 27:10 Disaster ahead ...better than losing it all by making trip

Acts 27:11 God's wisdom: Don't travel. Man's wisdom: travel... money.

Captain of ship had final answer.

Acts 27:12 Phoenix, 30-40 miles away, more suitable.

Acts 27:13 *When the south wind blew softly, Favourable circumstances –*

Phillips: *It is all too easy to take seemingly favorable circumstances as the deciding factor in the matter of guidance and ignore the sterner counsel of the Word of God.*

Must be considered in determining will of God:

1. Word of God
2. Prompting of Holy Spirit.
3. Circumstances
4. Godly Counsel

Acts 27:14 Gentle breeze deceptive. *Tempestuous wind*: typhoon, hurricane

Euroclydon: A violent agitation

Acts 27:15 *The ship was caught*: Grk: Looked her in the eye and suddenly grabbed her and gave her over to the Typhoon. ...*could not bear up*. When ship became unmanageable we let her go before the wind.

Acts 27:16 *We had much work*: prepare boat to face full fury of storm

Acts 27:17 *Undergirding*: pass cables or strong ropes around vessel to keep planks from popping up*frapping Quicksands*: huge vast beds of sand driven

up by sea & constantly changing position. **Struck sail.** Took down top sail and rigging. *and so were driven.* At mercy of the sea.

Acts 27:18 Lightened the ship: Got rid of the cargo.

Acts 27:19 Tackling: Beds , tables, chairs, chests...anchors (except four main ones), sails, cargo, mast used to hold up all sails.

Acts 27:20 Phillips: *Day followed day, overcast with thick clouds, an invisible sun revealing a wildly heaving sea and a tumultuous wilderness of gray, angry waves. Night followed night – thick, black, dark night with no sign of a single star. Dreadful days followed by appalling nights, with the wind shrieking in the rigging and the vessel lurching and plunging. And all the while the gale-force winds howled like tormented demons so that one could hardly think. On deck was a roaring nightmare. Between decks was scene of horror, fear, and despair, made worse by seasickness and the fearful knowledge that even the sailors had given up hope. Nobody knew where the ship was. It was being driven before the wind in a sinking condition, still shipping water from the leaks in the hold.*

Acts 27:21 Ye should have hearkened unto me. Make sure men listen next time.

Prov. 1:24-30

Acts 27:22 ...be of good cheer :have courage, take heart, cheer up.

Even though ship destroyed ...your lives will be spared!

Acts 27:23 God able to give angel exact latitude and longitude.

Acts 27:24 God saved every one of them because of one man – Paul!

Acts 27:25 Cheer up, men. I believe God! *That it shall be even as it was told me.* Just as God Word says it will happen. I believe it.

Lenski: *Calamity, the imminence of frightful death, is one of God's means for opening men's ears to his Word and to the thought of eternity.*

Acts 27:26 Cast upon: become inefficient, lose.

In order for lives to be spared... for me to accomplish task that God set before me we are going to have to become inefficient for a time.

Acts 27:27 Fear of being sunk replaced by fear of being crushed and torn apart by rocks

Acts 27:28 20 Fathoms=120'; 15 Fathoms= 90'

Acts 27:29-30 Under colour: under pretense

Crew pretending to make ship more secure by throwing out anchors from front of ship. Then, to their great surprise waves sweep them away...all out of their control...to land.

Acts 27:31 If value lives don't let them get away with it.

Acts 27:32 Then the soldiers cut off the ropes... No questions asked.

So What?

Look out for the "soft southerly wind" philosophy.

Avoid, *Ye should've hearkened"* statements. Obey God now!